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MULTIPLE PREDICTION STUDIES

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The crucial problems in the prediction of personal adjustment are, for the most part, fundamentally concerned with the data matrix which reflects the experimental designs and displays the essential information from the experimental observations. The research program has been primarily concerned with methodological aspects of these problems but the techniques have also been applied to substantive data. The research program under the earlier contract was concerned largely with the following major problems:

- Predictor selection techniques for multiple criteria
- Optimal test length for multiple prediction
- Optimal classification
- Simplified matrix algebra
- Factor analytic technology
- Multiple set analysis

The numerous technical reports, M.A. and Ph.D. theses, and published articles and monographs listed in the Final Report for the original contract, and reprinted in this report for convenient reference, provide detailed accounts of the specific research projects in the general areas.

During the current contract period, major effort was continued in the general areas of

- Optimal classification
- Factor analytic technology
- Multiple set analysis
- Simplified matrix algebra

In addition to these, research in the following areas was also conducted:

- The incomplete data matrix
- Rank reduction models for multiple prediction
- Configural analysis techniques
- Psychological measurement
- Non-cognitive measurement
- Binary data matrices
- Prediction from nonrandom subgroups
- Metric in multivariate analysis

Much effort has gone into the completion of the four books, listed in the bibliography, covering and integrating many of the results of the research under this and the previous contract. However, much of the work could not be included in these books and most of it is included in the numerous technical reports, Ph.D. theses, chapters in books, monographs, and published articles listed in

the bibliography.

The vast and highly technical field of prediction of personal adjustment would require a set of many additional volumes to cover adequately the current state of the art. At least one or more additional volumes would be required to set forth in detail the many urgent unsolved problems and to suggest well-indicated directions and areas for further research. This says nothing of the actual prosecution of the needed research.

It is hoped that the principal investigator may continue, even if at a more leisurely pace, to contribute to one or more of these three areas: (1) the orderly presentation of the current state of the art, (2) the outlining of further needed research, and (3) actual participation in this research. He rests assured, however, that many others with a longer productive life expectancy will continue to contribute in these three areas.

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